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MINUTES

LAUGHLIN TOWN ADVISORY BOARD

**May 10, 2011
1:30 P.M.**

**REGIONAL GOVERNMENT CENTER
101 CIVIC WAY, LAUGHLIN, NEVADA**

MEMBERS PRESENT: **Janet Barela, Chair**
 Candice FitzGerald, Vice-Chair
 Michael Bekoff
 Rosemary Munger
 James Vincent

MEMBERS ABSENT: **None**

OTHERS PRESENT: **34 Guests Signed In**

1. CALL TO ORDER

- A. Conformance with the Nevada Open Meeting Law.**
- B. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance.** The invocation was given by **Pastor Doug Wesley**, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by **James Vincent**.
- C. Agenda items may be taken out of order if deemed necessary.**

2. ORGANIZATIONAL ITEMS

- A. Approval of the, May 10, 2011 Agenda.**

Michael Bekoff moved, **James Vincent** seconded to approve as presented the May 10, 2011 Laughlin Town Advisory Board Agenda. Upon a voice vote, motion carried 5-0.

- C. Approval of April 12, 2011 Minutes.**

Michael Bekoff moved, **James Vincent** seconded to approve as presented the April 12, 2011 Laughlin Town Advisory Board Minutes. Upon a voice vote, motion carried 4-0 (~~Rosemary~~)

Munger abstained from the vote because she was absent from the meeting).

3. **PUBLIC SAFETY AGENCY REPORTS**

A. LV Metro Police, Laughlin Substation Report: **Lt. Brian Evans, Commander**

Statistics for the month of April 2011:

Calls for Service: 437, up 10.08% from April 2010

Traffic Citations: 559

DUI's: 9

Battery Domestic Violence Arrests: 8 adult, 0 juvenile

Bookings: 76

Juvenile Bookings: 0

Juvenile Citations: 8 (1 resident, 6 out of state)

Fraud and Forgery. Due to the increase in fraud and forgery there will be a training session at the next Security Chiefs Meeting with the hotels. Last week an individual from Bullhead City opened a checking account with \$100, then wrote a check on that account the same day for \$4,000 at a casino. Suspects are crossing state lines into Arizona and California.

River Run. The Vagos and Mongols motorcycle gangs were expected to be present this year, but there was a funeral on Saturday that many of the Vagos attended, so they were not in Laughlin. There were a large number of Mongols who arrived on Wednesday and stayed at the Aquarius Hotel, but there were no incidents during the week. A motorcycle, trailer with vehicles, and a golf cart were stolen during River Run.

B. Nevada Highway Patrol, Department of Public Safety Report: **Sergeant Novelt Mack**

Statistics for the month of April 2011:

Accidents: 4, down 63% from April 2010

Citations: 632, down 34% from April 2010

Arrests: 10

Felony Charges: 4 Felony charges for a fraudulent laboratory with state identification cards, social security cards, and fraudulent checks.

River Run. There were no property or injury accidents Wednesday through Sunday during the River Run, which is the first time this has happened in the past ten years.

C. Clark County Fire Department: **Roy Session, Battalion Chief**

Captain Scott Webster, Battalion Chief, Battalion 3-C Clark County Fire Department reported.

Statistics for the month of April 2011:

Emergency Response Calls: 297, up 11% from April 2010

Fire Calls: Riverside Hotel fire next to the cooling towers on the north side (temporary storage of theatre chairs that caught fire, possibly from discarded cigarette); Aquarius electrical fire in the north tower elevator equipment room; large brush and debris fire just west of the water treatment plant (Cal-NV-Air tanker called in for support); brush fire just south of the bridge; and various smoke and investigations and cooking related calls.

Technical Rescue Call: Just south of Harrah's on the cliffs (person stranded on ledge).

Bullhead City Fire Department Technical Rescue gave mutual aid; Las Vega Metropolitan Police Department search and rescue helicopter did a hot load rescue.

Customer Service Requests: Laughlin River Run.

Training: Interagency raining on Mass Casualty Incidents with Bullhead City Fire Department (BHCDFD) hosted by BHCDFD, Extrication Training, School Drills, Business Inspections, Hydrant Inspections, and the required monthly training evolutions.

4. **COMMUNITY INPUT/PUBLIC COMMENTS**

(No action may be taken on a matter raised under this item of the agenda until the matter itself has been specifically included on an agenda as an item upon which action will be taken).

- A. **Debbie Dauenhauer**, Executive Director, Southern Nevada Transit Coalition, Silver Rider, 260 East Laughlin Civic Drive, Laughlin, NV, reported that four streetlights will be coming in at the intersection of Bruce Woodbury Drive and Cougar Drive.
- B. **Jim Bodley**, 1838 Oasis Court, Laughlin, NV, reported that **Janet Barela** introduced herself to the Clark County Commissioners at the Bikini Bar hearing as Chair of the Laughlin Town Advisory Board, even though **Ms. Barela** stated that her comments were personal, but failed to introduce herself as Executive Director of the Laughlin Chamber of Commerce, so motives were questioned about emphasizing one and not the other. Also a recent water leak repair on Oasis Court created some dirt on the street and a street sweeper was sent from Las Vegas to clean it up, even though we have a local street sweeper, and he feels that it was a waste of public funds.

*At the request of **James Vincent**, the following zoning items were taken out of Agenda Order so the Clark County employees video teleconferencing in to the meeting could be heard and return to work.

*6. **ZONING**

A. **PREVIOUS ZONING ACTIONS:**

Previous Zoning Actions. (For additional information see Clark County web site on the Internet at http://www.clarkcountynv.gov/Depts/public_communications/Pages/Agendas.aspx, then go to NOFA (Notice of Final Action) on the month and date the item was heard and look for the item number (i.e. UC-0000-11).

A. *None*

B. **CURRENT ZONING ACTIONS:**

1. **VS-0154-11 – RB PROPERTIES, INC:**

VACATE AND ABANDON an easement of interest to Clark County located northwest of Needles Highway between Marina Lagoon Drive (alignment) and Casino Drive (alignment) and a portion of right-of-way being Needles Highway located between Marina Lagoon Drive (alignment) and Casino Drive (alignment) in a C-2 (General Commercial) Zone within Laughlin (description on file). To the Planning Commission 06/07/11.

Joe Thomason, TCE, 3277 East Warm Springs Road, Suite #400, Las Vegas, NV 89120, represented the zoning item, passed out a map of the area, and gave a brief explanation to the board. **Erik Denman**, Deputy County Surveyor, Clark County Public Works and **Mario Bermudez**, Planning Manager, Clark County Comprehensive Planning, joined the meeting via video teleconference and further clarified the zoning request stating that they were in complete agreement with the vacation to clean it up. **Rosemary Munger** asked if the individuals named in the original document would be notified and **Mr. Denman** responded that all utilities and anyone else within the jurisdiction will be notified, even though there were all kinds of stipulations added that should never have been there. **James Vincent** had a question about the location of the easement and **Mr. Thomason** clarified it. **James Vincent** read the Preliminary Staff Conditions into the record as follows: Current Planning: 1) Satisfy utility companies requirements; 2) All applicable standard conditions for this application type; 3) Applicant is advised that any change in circumstances or regulations may be justification for the denial of an extension of time; and that the recording of the order of vacation in the Office of the County Recorder must be completed within 2 years of the approval date or the application will expire. Public Works – Development Review: 1) Vacation to be recordable prior to building permit issuance or applicable map submittal; 2) Revise legal description, if necessary, prior to recording.

James Vincent moved, **Rosemary Munger** seconded to approve **UC-0154-11 – RB PROPERTIES, INC.**, subject to preliminary staff conditions. Upon a voice vote, motion carried 5-0.

2. **VS-0155-11 – RB PROPERTIES, INC:**

VACATE AND ABANDON an easement of interest to Clark County located on the northwest side of Needles Highway between James A. Bilbray Parkway and South Pointe Circle and a portion of right-of-way being Needles Highway located between South Pointe Circle and James A. Bilbray Parkway in a C-2 (General Commercial) Zone within Laughlin (description on file). To the Planning Commission 06/07/11.

Joe Thomason, TCE, 3277 East Warm Springs Road, Suite #400, Las Vegas, NV 89120, represented the zoning item, passed out a map of the area, and gave a brief explanation to the board that this was another housekeeping item. **Erik Denman**, Deputy County Surveyor, Clark County Public Works and **Mario Bermudez**, Planning Manager, Clark County Comprehensive Planning, joined the meeting via video teleconference.

James Vincent read the Preliminary Staff Conditions into the record as follows:

Current Planning: 1) Satisfy utility companies; requirement; 2) All applicable standard conditions for this application type; 3) Applicant is advised that any change in circumstances or regulations may be justification for the denial of an extension of time; and that the recording of the order of vacation in the Office of the County Recorder must be completed within 2 years of the approval date or the application will expire. Public Works – Development Review: Vacation to be recordable prior to building permit issuance or applicable map submittal; 2) Revise legal description, if necessary, prior to recording.

James Vincent moved, **Rosemary Munger** seconded to approve **UC-0155-11 – RB PROPERTIES, INC.**, subject to preliminary staff conditions.

Zoning Appeal Process : Planning Commission and Board of County Commission meetings are both held at the Clark County Government Center, Commission Chambers, 500 S. Grand Central Parkway, Las Vegas, NV 89155-1841. Planning Commission Meetings are scheduled on the first & third Tuesdays of each month and the following Thursdays at 7:00 PM. Board of County Commissioners Zoning Meetings are scheduled on Wednesdays at 9:00 AM following the first & third Tuesdays of each month. *If you appeal a Planning Commission action, you must be present at the Board of County Commissioners meeting to present your appeal.* Appeals are made by filling out a "Filing An Appeal" form, available from the Department of Comprehensive Planning, Current Planning Division. You may call Current Planning at (702) 455-4314 to request the form. Once in the automated phone system, press Option #2, listen closely to the options and press Option #2 again. This will connect you to a person who can help you with the appeal form. Once you have filled out the appeal form, fax it to (702) 455-3271, then call (702) 455-4314 to verify the appeal form was received and ask when it will be heard by the Board of County Commissioners. *Appeals must be done within five (5) judicial (business) days from the time the item was heard by the Planning Commission.*

5. COMMUNITY REPORTS:

A. Laughlin Town Manager's Report: **Jackie Brady, Town Manager**

Michael Bekoff asked about the completion date for the Casino Drive Project and was told that the current information indicates sometime in June 2011.

B. Clark County Water Reclamation Dist. Report: **Jake Jacobson, Assistant Manager Laughlin Services**

April Statistics:

Wastewater Treated:	LWRF treated an average of 1.94 MGD, producing clean water returned to the Colorado River.
Wastewater Flows:	Flow increased 12,000 gallons per day from last year at this time.
Spills/Overflows:	Overflowing manhole between Crown Point and Needles Highway across from Riverwood Apartment complex. Leak caused by vandalism so locking manhole bars will be re-installed.
Complaints:	None
Call Before You Dig:	6 mark-out requests.

C. Big Bend Water District Report: **Jordan Bunker, Public Services**

Jordan Bunker was unable to attend the meeting so **Janet Barela** read a written report as follows:

Construction Update. 1) The contractor working on the Polyethylene Service Line

Replacements in Laughlin Estates, El Mirage Estates and El Mirage Park communities are 99% complete with the project. Final clean up and demobilization is under way. 2) The third phase of service line replacements includes upgrading the lines in villa Bonita and Desert Park. This project will go out to bid in June. Work is expected to begin in August or September. The Big Bend Water District will notify all customers affected by this work in the coming months. 3) Work on the Casino Drive pipeline is about 90% complete. The contractor is finalizing some connections on the new pipeline and conducting the required pipeline pressure tests. This pipeline portion of the project, including the paving activities on Thomas Edison, is expected to be completed in June.

Online Bill Payment. The Big Bend Water District has launched its new online bill payment system, which is now available to all big Bend Water District customers at **bigbendwaterdistrict.com**. Customers can view their monthly water bills, review payment history, check account balances, and, of course, pay their water bills online. This is a free service to all Big Bend Water District (BGBWD) customers. The online system accepts Visa, MasterCard and Discover only – credit or debit cards. The system allows for on-time transactions of bill payment, and is not a reoccurring or automatic payment system. However, the system will store the customer's credit card information, if the customer chooses to do so, to allow for quicker and easier monthly payments. Bill inserts, which outline the new online system and provide step-by-step instructions, will be included in customer bills next month. So now, BBWD customers can save time and pay online, at **bigbendwaterdistrict.com**.

D. Bullhead City Report: Brenda Richardson, Senior Administrative Analyst

River Run Statistics. For April 27-May 1, 2011 there were 887 calls to dispatch, 27 arrests, 1 DUI, 10 motor vehicle accidents (7 non-injury, 3 with injury), 82 traffic citations, and 1 narcotic arrest.

Annual Peace Officers' Memorial Service. On Wednesday, May 18, 2011, 9:00 AM, the Annual Peace Officers' Memorial Service will be held behind the Council Chambers in front of the flagpoles. Everyone is invited to attend.

River Regatta. The first volunteer meeting was held last week with about forty people in attendance, but more volunteers are needed. This year the Regatta events will begin on Thursday, August 11, 2011, with a Rake the Plank event at Community Park. Pre-parties will be held at Davis Camp and Community Park. The Bullhead Chamber of Commerce will also be hosting a Poker Run on Friday. On-line registration opened on May 1st and there are already over 120 registrations.

Strut Your Mutt Dog Park Fundraiser. On Saturday, May 14, 2011, there will be a Strut Your Mutt Dog Park Fundraiser with a 2-K walk at Rotary Park with your dog/dogs. Medals will be given out to the first three dogs crossing the finish line. There will also be a special medal for the best-dressed dog. The cost is \$20 for the first dog and \$15 for each additional dog to raise funds for a Bullhead City Dog Park at Rotary Park.

E. Clark County Laughlin Senior Center Report: Richard Declercq, Recreation Director

Senior Bocce Ball League. The Senior Bocce Ball League will start on Thursday, May 12, 2011 for six weeks this summer. It is hoped that at some time in the future a Bocce Ball court can be installed.

Luncheon. A senior luncheon will be held on Wednesday, May 25, 2011.

Field Trips. Monthly field trips for ten seniors have been made to a Las Vegas bowling alley for \$6 for two bowling games and shoes, followed by a buy-one-get-one-free buffet meal at Sunset Station.

Easter Egg Hunt. Ten seniors who assisted with the Easter Egg Hunt this year were thanked together with the Metro volunteers who also participated.

F. HopeLink Family Resource Center: **Robyn Kelley, Program Director**

Utility Assistance. There has been a drastic increase in requests for utility assistance this year.

Easter Egg Hunt. Saturday, April 23, 2011, 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM, Mountain View Park, the HopeLink Family Resource Center participated in the Laughlin Easter Egg Hunt, distributing pinwheels to the children in awareness of child abuse donated by the national campaign, and distributed child abuse prevention information to the parents.

G. Laughlin Chamber of Commerce: **Connie Davis, Director of Operations**

New Officers. **Tony Timmons**, Manager of Market Development for CenturyLink, is the new President and **Donna Treague**, Community Manager and Vice -President of Laughlin Mutual of Omaha Bank, is the new Vice President of the Laughlin Chamber of Commerce. Past President, **Sal Tuipelehake**, was thanked for his endurance and service to the Chamber.

Community Achievement Awards. The Community Achievement Awards is a black tie event scheduled for Saturday, June 11, 2011, at the Tropicana Express Hotel/Casino Pavilion. Tickets are on sale at the Laughlin and Bullhead City Chambers of Commerce for \$75 each, tables of ten, and honors residents and businesses for their outstanding contributions to the tri-state communities.

Community Guide. The Community Guide is now in its third printing and is sent out all over the United States to visitors and those interested in relocation to the area. They are also distributed to local offices, so if you're not a Laughlin Chamber member and you have a business, please think about joining the Laughlin chamber of Commerce.

Regional Economic Development Summit. On May 5, 2011, the Laughlin Chamber of Commerce partnered with the Bullhead Regional Economic Development Authority (BREDA) to assemble a distinguished group of economic specialists to gather at one time to update attendees on the status of regional and statewide programs. It was an opportunity for small business to find out who their partners are and who can help them. The next Regional Economic Development Summit will be on August 4, 2011, at a place yet to be determined, but if you're interested please call the Chamber.

H. Laughlin Tourism Commission: **M. J. Smith, Marketing Department**
No report.

I. Laughlin Library: **Karen Lassen, Branch Manager**

Book Talk. On Tuesday, May 17, 2011, 1:30 PM to 2:30 PM, **Marja McGraw**, local author and former Library employee, will have a book talk about her new book “Bogey Nights”.

New Hope Hospice. On Wednesday, May 18, 2011, 9:00 AM to 10:00 AM, **Lucy Vigil** of New Hope Hospice will host a discussion on hospice care. Coffee and donuts will be served.

Senior Citizens Law Project. On Tuesday, May 26, 2011, 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM, the City of Las Vegas Senior Citizens Law Project will offer free legal assistance for senior citizens including real estate planning, long-term health care, elder law rights, and government benefits. Call (702) 229-6919 to reserve a seat.

Summer Reading Program. The summer reading program starts on June 10, 2011, with the kick-off on June 11, 2011. Activities will run through the first week of August. Call the Laughlin Library at 507-4060 or stop by for a full schedule of events.

Movie Matinee. On Saturday, May 14, 2011, 11:00 AM, the movie “Tangled” will be shown in the Young person’s Library.

J. Bennett Elementary School: **Dawn Estes, Principal**

Current Enrollment. Current enrollment is 334 students compared to last August when school started and enrollment was 305 students.

Staffing. Due to state budget cuts, three teachers are probably going to be lost at Bennett Elementary, as well as the Special Education Facilitator and a Title 1 teacher without additional funding.

Field Trip. Thanks to the National Parks Trust and Harrah’s, fourth grade students were taken on a field trip in April on a charter bus to the Mojave National Preserve in Needles, CA., to tour the Kelso Depot and spend some time in the sand dunes. Lunch was also provided. Each student also received a “Buddy Bison” stuffed animal. “Buddy Bison” is for sale through the National Parks Trust and proceeds go to providing other students the opportunity to go to a National Park. May 21, 2011, is National Park Day so take a student outdoors to explore. The National Park Trust website has set up a Bennett Elementary site with pictures of Laughlin students where students can post their pictures, stories and blogs with the theme “Buddy Bison”.

“Be Kind” Campaign. In January 2011 CenturyLink donated \$1,000 to the Bennett Elementary “Be Kind” Campaign and **Mr. Timmons** was thanked, and “Be Kind” cards were presented to the Laughlin Town Advisory Board.

K. University of Nevada Cooperative Extension: Debbie Marcusson, Extension Educator

Community Needs Assessment Survey. Data from almost six hundred surveys has been entered and is being written up into an analysis to go to Reno for approval that is expected to take about a month before the survey results are distributed to the community. Health and nutrition are of interest and concern to all ages, so that will be the focus of programming.

Master Gardener. In September a Master Gardener Program will be held here in Laughlin for an eight-week certification course, to be held four hours per day, three days per week. After certification, Master Gardeners must commit to fifty hours of volunteer service each year working in the Community Garden or working with citizens for their gardening needs. For anyone interested, registration starts in June 2011, classes begin in September 2011, and will be held here at the Laughlin Regional Government Center. For more information contact **Debbie Marcusson** at the Cooperative Extension office (702) 420-4119.

Community Garden. Final approval from Clark County is being sought for use of the one-quarter acre in the corner of Mountain View Park for the Community Garden. Curriculum will be developed with the Bennett Elementary School so students can also participate in the Community Garden and learn a little math and science as well as gardening. On Thursday, May 12, 2011, and Thursday, May 26, 2011, 3:30 PM, meetings will be held at the Cooperative Extension Office, 55 Civic Way, to discuss and plan the Community Garden.

Budget. Governor Sandoval, State of Nevada, has recommended a 38% cut to all state university budgets. The University of Reno Provost has made a recommendation to cut the College of Cooperative Extension budget for the State of Nevada by 72%, or \$5.8 million dollars, in order to meet the state budget cuts. Thirty-three University of Reno College of Cooperative Extension employees may be cut. Citizens are invited to write a letter to send to the Board of Regents of the University of Reno in support of continued funding for the new Cooperative Extension Office in Laughlin so it can remain in operation to benefit the community. There was discussion about holding a Special Call Meeting of the Laughlin Town Advisory Board on May 31, 2011, to discuss a possible letter of support from the Laughlin Town Advisory Board to the University of Reno to maintain the Laughlin Cooperative Extension Office, run by **Debbie Marcusson**, and support retaining certain other employees of the College of Cooperative Extension, University of Reno, like **Buddy Borden**. No action was taken.

7. COMMUNITY PROJECTS AND CONCERNS:

A. Receive a report from John Eddy, Associate Administrator, and Linda Jacob, Director of Quick Care Primary Care Facilities, University Medical Center, about Laughlin Quick Care Clinic operations, and take any action deemed appropriate.

John Eddy, Associate Administrator, University Medical Center, reported that University Medical Center (UMC) provides \$250 million dollars annually in uncompensated care in Clark County and operates ten Quick Care Facilities, one being the primary and quick care facility located in Laughlin that loses approximately \$2 million dollars a year in services. The Laughlin primary care physician who was at Laughlin Clinic is no longer there. All of the physicians who provide care at the Laughlin Quick Care come down from Las Vegas, but

there is an acute physician shortage. Laughlin Quick Care is primarily an urgent care driven facility operating seven days a week. The intention of UMC is not to close the Laughlin Quick Care, but to ensure that there is health care provided in Laughlin. Visit numbers are down about 30% in the aggregate, and some service delivery platforms have been changed with regard to x-rays and laboratory work being done in-house.

Questions from the board followed regarding a primary care physician, and **Mr. Eddy** stated that Request For Proposals are being considered for partnering with another local medical facility for a Nevada licensed physician to provide care in Laughlin. The physicians at UMC are employed, as opposed to being contracted. Changes to hours of service are also being explored, so hours of operation could be scaled back on Saturday and Sunday, the slowest days of the week in Laughlin. The Laughlin Quick Care Clinic sees about 15-16 patients per day, seven days per week, or annualized to about 5,000 patients per year.

The floor was opened to public questions/comments. 1) Can an H1B recruitment (someone practicing medicine from a different country on a Visa) be utilized in Laughlin, and **Mr. Eddy** responded that the possibility has unsuccessfully been explored. 2) Laughlin seniors have few medical options and it is much more expensive and time consuming to transport them to Arizona for medical care than to have them seen at Laughlin Quick Care, so it is important to keep UMC Quick Care the way it is now.

B. Discuss Laughlin's exemption from the Clark County High Impact Projects ORD-0502-08, and take any action deemed appropriate.

Mario Bermudez, Planning Manager, Clark County Comprehensive Planning, joined the meeting via video teleconference from Las Vegas. **Rosemary Munger** explained that in 2008 Laughlin was granted a three-year exemption from Clark County High Impact Projects ORD-0502-08, and that exemption will expire on June 30, 2011. When the exemption does expire, a study will be done to see if an exemption from Clark County High Impact Projects ORD-0501-08 can again be granted to Laughlin. **Rosemary Munger** recommends requesting a temporary extension of the exemption due to the lack of development in Laughlin since the first study was done, but if the Clark County Commissioners feel that a new study must be done, then grant a temporary extension of the exemption until the study can be completed and evaluated.

The floor was opened to public questions/comments. **Dave Floodman**, 2310 Dillons Cove, Laughlin, NV, suggested a review of the prior study to confirm the conditions in Laughlin are as bad, if not worse, then when the original exemption was granted, and based upon the review, a five-year extension should be granted. (**Jackie Brady** asked **Mario Bermudez** if he could confirm that the original study was actually done in 2008 in the two months before the adoption of the ordinance, and **Mr. Bermudez** stated that he could not confirm it at this time.) **Fred Doten**, 3157 Cottage Way, Laughlin, NV, stated that infrastructure in Laughlin today is way below current infrastructure capacity so it makes sense to have the exemption extended. **Jordan Ross**, 55 Civic Way, Laughlin, NV, the problem with the high impact ordinance is that it was designed for huge mega projects like those seen on the Las Vegas strip, so a medium impact is needed somewhere between the low impact and high impact ordinances currently in place.

Rosemary Munger asked **Mr. Bermudez** if, in his opinion, the 2008 Agenda Item requires a mandatory study be done and his response was yes, a study should be done. Comprehensive Planning would recommend to the Board of County Commissioners that the study be done before any extension of the exemption is granted. **Ms. Munger** asked **Mr. Bermudez** if Comprehensive Planning would have any objection to a temporary extension of the exemption for Laughlin while the study is completed. **Mr. Bermudez** responded that Comprehensive Planning would recommend against it at this time because so many things, aside from water and sewer, need to be looked at in the form of a needs assessment study. At this time Comprehensive Planning does not sufficient staff to perform the study.

Discussion followed. At the request of **Jackie Brady**, **Mario Bermudez** explained what a needs assessment is in conjunction with the high impact ordinance on a project-by-project basis, whether the project developer normally does them, and how it works. **Mr. Bermudez** responded the developer normally contracts out to have the needs assessment study done to determine what infrastructure is currently in place, what the additional impact of the project is anticipated to generate, and how to mitigate those impacts. **Jackie Brady** stated that the Clark County Board of Commissioners granted a three-year exemption to the high impact ordinance on a trial basis because there were insufficient statistics at that time. The Town Board may want to ask for an additional trial period exemption of two or three years, and in the meantime try to get a needs assessment done by the town or a developer.

Rosemary Munger moved, **Janet Barela** seconded to write a letter to the Clark County Board of County Commissioners stating that the Laughlin Town Advisory Board has talked to Comprehensive Planning and they say they do not have sufficient staff or funding at this time to conduct a study (needs assessment) in Laughlin and would, therefore, ask for another three year trial period exemption to the Clark County High Impact Projects ORD-0502-08 because there has not been sufficient development in Laughlin to exhaust the existing infrastructure. Upon a voice vote motion carried 5-0.

The Chair called a five-minute break at 3:29 PM. The meeting resumed at 3:45 PM.

The Chair was required to leave the meeting due to an emergency (excused absence) at 3:45 PM so the Vice Chair assumed conduct of the meeting.

- C. **Review a draft of the 2011-2012 ByLaws of the Laughlin Town Advisory Board with the recommended changes of the Special ByLaws Committee for possible adoption at the June 14, 2011 meeting of the Laughlin Town Advisory Board, and take any action deemed appropriate.**

James Vincent, who served on the Special ByLaws Committee, read all of the proposed changes to the 2011-2012 ByLaws of the Laughlin Town Advisory Board into the record.

Rosemary Munger moved, **James Vincent** seconded to approve the changes to the proposed 2011-2012 ByLaws of the Laughlin Town Advisory Board as amended. Upon a voice vote, motion carried 4-0 (**Janet Barela** absent).

8. **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

A. Community Development: **Janet Barela, Co-Chair**

No report.

The next meeting of the Community Development Committee will be May 25, 2011, 3:00 PM, Laughlin Regional Government Center.

B. Parks & Recreation: **James Vincent, Co-Chair**

At the April 18, 2011 meeting the committee received a report from **Stan Southwick**, Landscape Architect, Southwick LA, and **Deborah Murray**, Community Development Manager, regarding the Laughlin Regional Park Master Plan; discussed the Annual Program Planning process for Parks & Recreation to assist **Debbie Pinkerton**, Clark County Recreation/Cultural Program Supervisor, with programs; discussed the creation of PSA broadcasts to communicate to the community; and received an update on the Dog Run.

The next meeting of the Parks & Recreation Committee scheduled for May 16, 2011, 9:00 AM, Laughlin Regional Government Center, has been cancelled.

C. Public Safety: **Candice FitzGerald, Co-Chair**

No report due to lack of a quorum at the April 18, 2011 meeting of the Public Safety Committee.

The next meeting of the Public Safety Committee will be May 16, 2011, 3:00 PM, Laughlin Regional Government Center.

D. Public Works: **Michael Bekoff, Co-Chair**

At the April 19, 2011, meeting the Public Works Committee received a briefing from **Bronson Mack** of the Big Bend Water District; received an update on recent traffic studies in Laughlin and recent work orders submitted to Public Works; received brief results of the assessment by Clark County Public Works of the U-turn on Laughlin Civic Drive at Casino Drive; and discussed concerns of **Norma Joslin** concerning bus stops.

The next meeting of the Public Works Committee will be May 17, 2011, 10:00 AM, Laughlin Regional Government Center.

E. Social Services: **Rosemary Munger, Co-Chair**

At the April 14, 2011, meeting the Social Services Committee discussed the ICE Cell Phone Program (in case of emergency); discussion of the budget cuts as they will affect HopeLink Family Resource Center; and discussion of receiving magnets from University Medical Center, Western Arizona Regional Medical Center, and Valley View Regional Medical Center for seniors to post medical information, prescriptions, etc. for emergency medical personnel in the event of an emergency medical situation.

The next meeting of the Social Services Committee will be May 12, 2011, 8:30 PM, Laughlin

Regional Government Center.

9. **NEXT POSSIBLE MEETING DATE:** The next possible meeting date is Tuesday, May 31, 2011, and the next regular meeting is Tuesday, June 14, 2011, at 1:30 P.M., Regional Government Center, 101 Civic Way, Laughlin, Nevada. Agenda items due no later than May 20, 2011, and June 3, 2011, respectively.
10. **ADJOURNMENT** Janet Barela declared the meeting adjourned at 4:53 PM.

These meeting minutes are in draft form and will be formally approved at the June 14, 2011 meeting. Any corrections to these minutes will be reflected in the meeting minutes of the July 12, 2011 meeting.